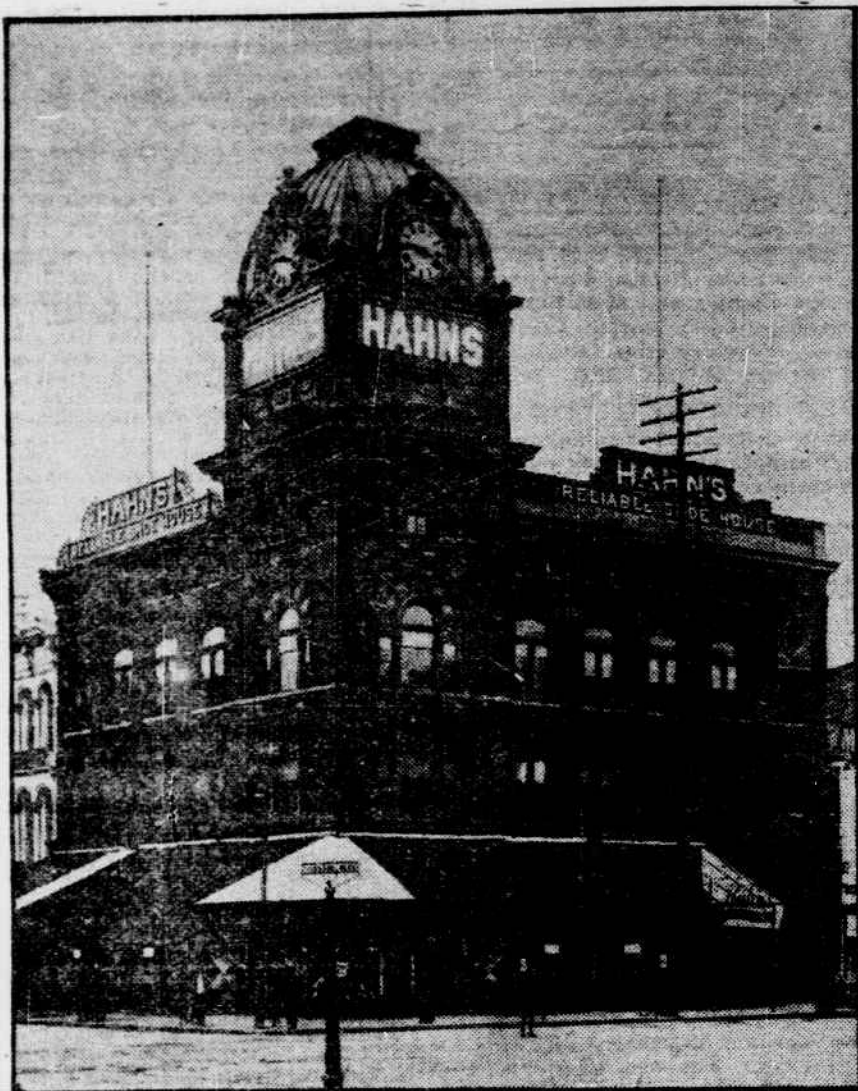


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Our continued business-success during nearly 30 years has been reached on identically the same lines—as the remarkable growth of The EVENING STAR at its Golden Jubilee.—By hard, unremitting work.—By catering honestly, faithfully to the Shoe-wants of the masses, the Poor as well as the Rich.—From an humble beginning we have increased our business until today we own and operate three of the largest Shoe Houses in America, and this Picture represents one of our Buildings. This is our Main House—and from Cellar to Attic it is entirely devoted to Shoe Retailing.

Don't you think that we ought to be able to supply

YOUR XMAS SHOE NEEDS?

If you have any doubts come and see our Shoes and learn their prices.—Here are thousands of Pairs of pretty Slippers, comfortable Rubber Boots, Leggings and stylish Shoes, specially suitable for Xmas Giving—and every Pair is GUARANTEED.

BRING the CHILDREN—Santa Claus holds daily receptions here—and our interesting Xmas Show will surely delight them.

Suitable Gifts For MEN.	Suitable Gifts For WOMEN.	Suitable Gifts For CHILDREN.
Comfortable House Slippers, Velvet or Imitation Aligator.....	Navy blue, maroon and black leather Sole Slippers.....	Babies' pretty little Soft Sole Booties of Kid or Felt.....
Storm and low cut Rubbers, reliable qualities, this week.....	Hand-sewed, Seamless front red and black Felt Julietts.....	Warm fur-trimmed Children's Bed-room Slippers—Sizes to 2.....
Hand-sewed tan and black Kid Slippers, a dozen sorts at.....	Warm-lined Storm Over-shoes, Arctics and Laced shoes.....	Piece-lined Jersey Leg-gings for Children up to 12 years.....
Kid lined, soft Calf, Kid and Seal Slippers, 20 styles.....	Dozens of pretty Styles of Velvet, Sateen and Felt \$1.50 grade Julietts.....	Children's Sateen quilted and fur bound Slippers—Sizes to 6.....
Fine \$2 Tan, Red, Wine and Black Romeo and Opera Style Slippers.....	Exquisite Sateen and Plush quilted \$2 Julietts.....	Babies' extra high cut fur-trimmed Booties in pretty colors.....
Best \$2.50 Alligator, Burnt Leather and Surpass Kid Slippers.....	Plush-lined high-grade Rubber Boots.....	Children's first quality warm lined Rubber Boots—as low as.....
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Guaranteed Patent Leather and Enamel Dress Shoes.....	Hand-welted Cork Sole Kid Calf and Patent Leather Boots.....	Boys' stout Rubber Boots. Sizes 3 to 6.....
Storm King and Snag-Safe first quality Rubber Boots.....	The "WI-MO-DAU-SIS" Health and Beauty best Boots for.....	Misses' hand-made Cork Sole Finest Dress Boots.....
"TRI-WEAR," the King of Men's Shoes.....	Real \$5 grade Patent Ideal Guaranteed Boots.....	Boys' hand-made guaranteed Patent leather, Kid or Calf \$3 Shoes.....
48c.	45c.	25c.
50c.	69c.	35c.
95c.	75c.	37c.
\$1.25	95c.	48c.
\$1.50	\$1.25	75c.
\$1.95	\$1.50	95c.
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Damages Placed at \$10,000.

Suit at law to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 has been instituted by Lillian A. Butler, through Attorneys J. C. Gittings and Ulysses Butler, against John D. Frazer. It is alleged that December 23 last,

To Cure a Cold in One Day

The Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Brown's signature is on each box. 50c. per box, 10c. per tablet.

while in the employ of the defendant, the left hand of the plaintiff was smashed in certain unsafe machinery to the extent that amputation was necessary.

Employ a Sanitary Inspector.

A concurrent resolution was introduced in the House yesterday by Mr. Babcock authorizing the Commissioners of the District to employ until June 30, 1903, and when necessary thereafter, a medical sanitary inspector.

Local Patents Issued.

The following patents were issued to residents of the District of Columbia today: William H. Nelson, assignor to C. W. Ridgely and F. Martens of this city, nut lock. Corydon B. Laklin, curtain fixture.

John Reibel, a barber, died at Rochester, N. Y., after three days of constant sickening. Every effort was made by physicians to alleviate his sufferings, but without avail.

MANY BUNDLES SOLD

ARTICLES WHOSE ORIGINAL OWNERS CANNOT BE FOUND.

Go Astray in the Mails and Turn Up in the Dead Letter Office.

The disagreeable weather seems not to affect the size of the crowd attending the auction sale of articles in the dead letter office, as the auction rooms today were filled with eager buyers. A large number of women were seen in the crowd today than were noticed at the sale yesterday, and the interest in the bidding continues unabated. The nearness to Christmas is probably one of the reasons for the large attendance and for the interest manifested, as a great many useful and valuable articles suitable for gifts are found in the bundles whose owners the Post Office Department has been unable to find.

The possibility of securing great bargains in the sale also contributes to generous patronage of the auction.

Over 3,000 Bundles.

The usual crowd which always attends the auction sale of articles accumulated in the dead letter office of the Post Office Department was noticed in Sloan's auction rooms yesterday at the beginning of the sale. The catalogue embraced over 3,100 bundles containing articles of almost every description and character small enough to be transmitted through the mails. There were articles of wearing apparel for men and women, books, patent medicines, cutlery, cooking utensils, fancy articles, toys, shoes, and cheap "jewelry" galore, and many other pieces and contrivances, fearfully and wonderfully made, whose names could probably not be found in the dictionary. The throng of prospective purchasers was composed for the most part of men and boys—many of them second-hand dealers—yet there was a goodly number of women on hand looking out for bargains in the packages sold at auction by Uncle Sam.

The sale was unusually lively, the bidders being eager to possess themselves of the coveted bundles, which might contain unusual values, and the auctioneer glibly presented the merits of each package in terms of persuasion. The room expressions of disappointment and pleasure were mingled as the purchasers found their bundles to contain articles of scarcely any value to them, or, on the other hand, especially to their liking. The bundles containing cheap jewelry seemed to be in greater demand than those made up of other things, and the sale of these articles was especially lively.

Wanted a Sewing Machine.

One good lady, who evidently was not thoroughly aware of the nature of the sale, anxiously inquired "if there were any sewing machines among the goods to be sold."

She was informed that on account of the limits of the facilities in use by the Post Office Department, they were not as yet sending machines through the mails.

A man who had the appearance of a bachelor bid in for 60 cents a bundle containing a child's woolen petticoat, calico skirt, man's tie, cheap jewelry and some remnant dress goods. A woman bought a package containing a pair of cloth slippers, man's damaged underwear, four silk ties and four pipes. She said she wanted the slippers and was willing to pay the 60 cents bid. A purchaser with a Hebrew cast of countenance bought a package containing a number of Catholic rosaries, an expressman bid in a chorister's vestments, three small doilies, a safety belt and a razor, all of which came in one bundle. There was a lively contest, in which a number of the women participated, over the sale of a bundle containing a woman's muff, two gray hair switches, a jabot—whatever that is—and several small articles. It was finally bought by a second-hand dealer for \$3.20.

Ladies Buy Razors.

Several ladies became the proud possessors of good razors along with their articles of dress goods contained in the packages, and many of the men bought remnant shirts, waistcoats and articles of female apparel along with pipes, jewelry and shirts. Five Mexican drawn-work doilies were very much in demand, and the bidding ran up to \$3.75 before the articles of fancy work were knocked down to a man. This was a sad blow to several of the women, who seemed very desirous of obtaining the articles.

The sale will probably continue for several days yet, as the list of bundles is quite large.

SMASHED SALOON WINDOW.

Mrs. Parker Taken Into Custody for Alleged Disorderly Conduct.

Saloonkeeper J. J. Murphy has reason to believe that Mrs. Carrie Nation was in the city this morning when Mrs. Helen Parker stopped in front of his place at 350 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and commenced the work of smashing glass. She had broken the glass from the front window before Detectives Muller and Trumbo were notified and they at once arrested her. Policeman Whalen conveyed Mrs. Parker to a hospital and had several cuts in her hand dressed. Later she was taken to the sixth police station and held on charges of disorderly conduct and destroying private property. She stated that she was looking for her husband and believed he was in the saloon. The police found that he was not in the place. Mrs. Parker will be taken to the Police Court and given a hearing tomorrow.

Gen. Corbin on a Western Trip.

Major General Corbin, adjutant general of the army, left here this afternoon on a visit to his aged father at Batavia, Ohio, and to his invalid daughter at Wilmington, Ohio. Next Saturday night General Corbin, General Young and General Chaffee will be the guests of honor at a dinner to be given by the chamber of commerce of Cleveland. General Corbin expects to return to this city next Monday.

Treatment of English Customers.

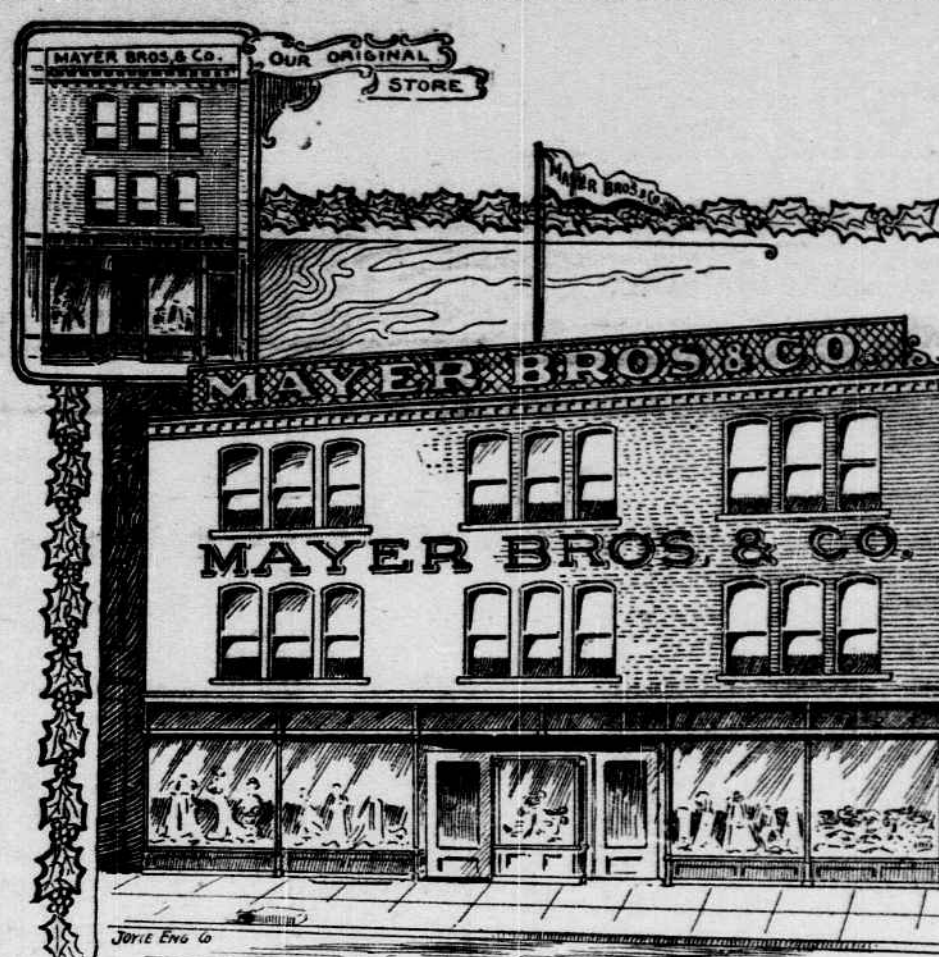
United States Consul Marshall Halstead, reporting to the State Department from Birmingham, England, gives a timely warning to American manufacturers about their treatment of English customers. Mr. Halstead states that he has received numerous complaints from English buyers that not only have their orders not been filled, but no notice has ever been received explaining the delay. The representative of a Birmingham firm called at the consulate in October to inquire as to the reliability of a certain western firm from which he had ordered goods in May last, and up to date had not received the goods or an intimation as to when they were likely to come. Consul Halstead suggests that when prompt delivery is impossible a courteous letter to that effect would relieve the situation.

Duties to Be Paid in Gold.

Nicaraguan customs duties are to be paid in gold, according to a recent decree of which the State Department has been informed by Consul Donaldson at Managua and Consul Gottschalk at San Juan del Norte. This decree is intended to give the government the same per cent ad valorem that it received formerly, which it was not getting by accepting its own depreciated paper currency at a value equal to silver. For the last few weeks exchange has been steadily rising until today United States gold or drafts are worth about 800 per cent premium.

Gen. Hasbrouck to Be Retired.

Brig. Gen. Henry C. Hasbrouck, who has just been confirmed by the Senate, will be retired on his own application in a few days and it is probable that Col. Edward M. Hayes, commanding the 15th Cavalry, at Fort Meade, S. D., will be promoted to the vacancy thus created.



—The celebration of The Star's 50th anniversary comes at a time when some word of our own success can be said and said appropriately in a newspaper edition that deals largely with the development of Washington and its successful enterprises.

In January, 1895, we made our bow as Washington merchants. Bought out the store and stock of the Monumental, 939 F st.—simply one room—of no pretensions and a small stock of women's wear. Our first step was to clean out every vestige of stock in the old store and replace it with goods of our own choosing—goods of the kind and quality on which we had based the future trading policy of the store.

From our first step we've won the approval of the women of Washington. It wasn't long before we wanted the first floor of the next building. From that point it was easy to see that the plans of the firm called for steady expansion—a healthy expansion, too, for it was demanded by the increase of patronage. Now we occupy nearly all of three buildings, and our rebuilding last summer gave us three floors—practically tripling the space and facilities of the one floor establishment that had served you so well for the first six years of our career.

The facilities of the business for gathering merchandise are unexcelled. Not only have we buyers whose business it is to visit the general markets, but also permanent representatives in New York and Paris. Our representative, Mr. Hart, looks out for our interest and yours in the American city, while we are represented in Paris at 13 Faubourg Poissonier by Mr. Isengarten.

The entire store system is perfectly balanced. Every market of trade is guarded by our representatives and their energy and ability is constantly testified to by your approval of the goods assembled here for you.

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Oak and Mahogany Finish Morris Chairs, velvet cushions..... \$3.25
Heavy Clawfoot Oak and Mahogany Finish Morris Chairs..... \$3.00
Oak Morris Chairs, with claw feet and dragon's head arms..... \$10.50
Heavy Mahogany Morris Chairs..... \$12.00
Weathered Oak Morris Chairs..... \$16.00
Solid Mahogany Morris Chairs..... \$22.50

Mother Goose Sugar Loaf Rhymes.



Little Tommy Tucker,
He's singing for his supper,
He's singing for Sugar Loaf Bread:
"For it's nourishing food,
"And it's generously good,
"Of its merits too much can't be said."

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—are ideal for—gift purposes.

THE problem, "What to give," is easily solved by all who resort to this big stock of fine Leather Goods. Hundreds of things suitable for men and women—all handsome and useful articles that will appeal to any one. The best is priced most reasonably here.

—Flasks, all kinds, leather covered, 50c. up.
—Cigar and Cigarette Cases, \$2 up.
—Playing Cards, in leather cases, 50c.
—"Bridge," Poker and Pinocle Sets, \$1.75.
—Medicine Cases, complete, 75c. up.
—"Gem" Safety Razors for \$1.50.
—Manicule Cases, fitted, \$2.50.
—Glove and Handkerchief Cases, \$3.50.
—Pocket Books and the like, 50c. to \$3.50.
—Portfolios, leather, for \$1.50.
—Portfolio, leather, for \$2.50.
—Writing Cases for \$2.50.
—Engagement Pads for \$5c.
—Calendar, leather, with thermometer, 75c.
—Desk Blotters for 75c.
—Novelty Inkstands, 50c. up.
—Vienna Horn Novelties, \$1 up.
—Vienna Leather Photo Frames, \$1 up.
—Dressing Cases, furnished, \$3.50 up.
—Sewing & Emb. Cases, furnished, 50c. up.
—Wrist Bags, all kinds, \$2.50 up.
—Jewel Cases, leather variety, 50c. up.
—Opera Glass Bags, leather, \$1.25 up.

SPECIAL—24-in. Suit Case, sole leather, in olive, russet and brown, steel frame, extra deep, for..... \$6.50

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Men's Pocketbooks.

We've the finest showing of Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Bill and Letter Books that's to be found in the city. Three-fold Combination Pocketbook—large variety—at all prices. Good Leather Pocket-books as low as..... 75c.

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Choice variety of the finest Dress Suit Cases—in all leathers—well made, and very strong. Our own \$5.00 make. Special at..... \$5.00
Other Cases from \$3.50 to \$20.

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An immense line of Flasks, from a gill up to one-quart size—leather covered with nickel trimming—in all styles of leather; small size. Special..... 75c.

Fittings Bags.

We have a very large assortment, with all the fittings. A splendid bag for men's leather lined and stitched, fitted with comb, brush and other toilet articles. Prices range from \$10 up. 16-inch bag with fittings, spec. \$12.50 clal at.....
Fitting Toilet Cases—large showing—all leather—they make a very acceptable gift.

Topham's New Store,
On F St., 1219.
Phone 2039.

Xmas Jewelry.

SELECT the Xmas gift from a stock of jewelry that is unequalled for style and quality. Beautiful Watches, magnificent Solitaire Rings, pretty little Rings for the Baby—in fact, everything that a gift-lover can desire. Our prices will undersell all competitors. See us.

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GIFTS in Bronze, Brass, Sterling Silver, Leather, etc., comprising Imported Novelties and "Odd Things" unobtainable in duplicate.

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